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**Taj Weekes and Adowa Win “Best Reggae Album”
for *DEIDEM* at the Independent Music Industry’s
Just Plain Folks Music Awards**

St. Lucian Roots Reggae Artist Taj Weekes and his band Adowa walked away with the award for “Best Reggae Album” for their sophomore release, *DEIDEM*, at the indie music industry’s Just Plain Folks Music Awards Ceremony in Nashville, TN on August 29th.

New York, NY - August 30, 2009 - Taj Weekes and Adowa’s critically acclaimed sophomore release, **DEIDEM**, garnered a win for “**Best Reggae Album**” at the independent music industry’s **Just Plain Folks (JPF) Awards** in Nashville, Tennessee this past Saturday, August 29, 2009. The band brought down the house with a rousing performance of **Angry Language** during the awards ceremony, with fans jumping out of their seats at the close of the song. *Angry Language* and *Little Fire*, both songs from *DEIDEM*, were also nominated for “Best Reggae Song” at the awards. This win follows a 2007 JPF “Best Reggae Song” Award for *Scream Out Mellow* off their debut album, *Hope & Doubt*.

Just Plain Folks (JPF) is an organization of over 51,500 songwriters, recording artists, and music industry professionals and hosts the largest independent music awards in the world. Their members include Grammy, Emmy, Country Music and Academy Award winners. Each year, JPF screens more than 350,000 songs and over 25,000 albums in 70+ genres from 100 countries to honor the very best works of its members and the independent music community. Volunteer judges include industry professionals, peers and music fans.

The award comes after a brief summer tour of Mid-western cities including Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland and Kalamazoo. The band is currently in the studio recording their much-anticipated third album, *A Waterlogged Soul Kitchen*, set for release in early 2010.

For more information about Taj Weekes & Adowa and the Just Plain Folks Awards, please visit www.tajweekes.com and www.jpfolks.com.

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